Church of The Holy Cross

Stateburg, S. C.

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History of The Church of The Holy Cross

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OF THE LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE

SEPTEMBER 11, 1850

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NOTE

Reference numbers show the source of information given in this paper. The author used the original Church records to check his information in every case; however, the book and page sources given refer to the copies of the records made by the W.P.A.-University of South Carolina typists in 1937. The University Library owns a set of these copies of the old records; and the Church owns the other set, which is kept by the Senior Warden. The original Record Books are preserved at Diocesan Headquarters in Charleston.

For explanation of reference numbers, see Appendix.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

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"While it is true that we cannot live on our past, it is equally true that the past is part of the present. Neither can we understand the present nor make the best use of its opportunities without a knowledge of the past."

- Bishop Albert S. Thomas, retired.

We are today celebrating the centennial of this, The Church of the Holy Cross.

But this church was preceded by the Claremont Episcopal Church and that in turn by a Chapel of Ease. This Chapel of Ease was created by a petition from St. Mark's, Clarendon, to the General Assembly dated July 1, 1770, (1) the Episcopal Church being the established Church in South Carolina, asking for 1000 £ with which to furnish their own Church and parsonage and to build a Chapel of Ease for the use of the "people of the High Hills settlement of Sumter District." This petition set forth that this was a "very populous and growing community crowded with people" from whom St. Mark's Church was too distantly removed for them to conveniently attend divine service there; that a Chapel would greatly develop this settlement of rich lands; and that the people of High Hills had subscribed 500 £ towards its cost. The list of 30 subscribers contains many names of the ancestors of many who worship here to this day. (2)

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

Samuel Clarke	25	pounds
Joseph Kershaw	25	"
John James, Jr.	10	"
James Berwick	5	"
Ebenezer Hirsett	2 to 10	"
Christopher Gayle	10	"
Peter Mellett	15	"
Andrew Rembert, Sr.	30	"
Matthew Singleton	50	"
Charles Woodmason	20	"
Alexander Campbell	5	"
Robert Singleton	20	"
Isham Moore	25	"
Joseph Hill	5	"
William Moore	10	"
Thomas Knighton	10	"
William McConnico	5	"
Caleb Gayle	10	"
John Knighton	5	"
Richard Bradford	10	"
Arthur Richardson	10	"
William Howell	5	"
Daniel Ginnings	5	"
Josiah Gayle	20	"
Edward Lane	3	"
James Clarke	3	"
Jo Terry	10	"
Samuel Cook	5	"
Matthew Robertson	5	"
John Pur - (defaced)	?	

The money was appropriated, and a Chapel of Ease was eventually built "near the Glebe and Church lands on the land of Peter Mellette near Half Way Swamp". (3) It would appear that its location was about 10 miles south of the present Church of the Holy Cross, somewhere in the neighborhood of the present entry to Poinsett National Park, near the now extinct town of Manchester.

In 1788, the congregation of this Chapel, having been vested with the Glebe and Church lands spoken of above, sold them and began to build their own Church. (4) They applied for a charter, and under an Act of the Legislature in 1788 the "Episcopal Church of Claremont" was incorporated. At a meeting of the Congregation the following were elected: Benjamin Waring and J. G. Guignard, wardens, and General Sumter, George Ioor, Isham Moore, John MacNair, William Bracy, William Murrell, and William Reese, vestrymen. They called the Reverend Matthew Tate.

During the building of this Church, services were held "in Mr. Powell's long room". It is known that a man named Powell operated an inn in the Village of Stateburg about this time, and it is believed that it was in his "long room" that services were held. (5)

The Church building was of wood, 37 feet x 51 feet x 17 feet high, with half-hipped roof. It was erected on land given by General Sumter, the western boundary being, as at present, the old Kings Highway (6) that ran through the village of Stateburg on its ancient course from Charles Town to the upcountry between the Wateree and Pee Dee Rivers. An "Act For Highways", passed in 1682, authorized this road to cross the Santee at Beach's Ferry to run north through Manchester, Camden and Lancaster, to the Catawba Indians' Settlement in the north.

To help raise money to pay for the building of the Church, the pews were valued by the vestry according to their location in the Church, and sold to the highest bidder. (7) Each purchaser was given a deed. (See Appendix for copy).

Later there was a yearly assessment against each pew owner for defraying expenses of rector's and sexton's salaries, etc.

In these early days all was not easy sailing, as appears from the records, either for the congregation or for the ministers, there being instances where the Rector's salary, not having been paid for two or three years, he continues to bill the vestry for his back pay, even though he had removed to another charge in some distant place. But all was eventually paid, often members of the Vestry themselves supplying the deficiency.

Dalcho's History of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, published in 1820, states that "in 1816 a handsome organ was given by Mr. William Rees, Esq., and a neat and convenient parsonage has recently been erected 2 miles from the Church on land given by Thomas Waites in 1818". After its completion, all ministers lived in this parsonage until 1919. The Rev. Charles W. Boyd was the last to occupy it. After being rented for several years, it was sold by the Vestry in 1937 to Mr. W. W. Arthur and is at present his home.

The organ mentioned above could not have been the present organ due to the fact that this present instrument bears a plate with "Henry Erben 1851" inscribed on it, apparently the year of its make.

On July 22, 1842, Martin Van Buren, 8th President of the United States, worshipped in this Church when he was Godfather for his grandson, Singleton Van Buren, son of Abram Van Buren and Angelica Singleton, his wife. (8) Angelica was at the time mistress of the White House, the President's wife having died.

In 1849, the congregation decided to build a new Church, and its old charter was amended to bear the name of The Church of the Holy Cross. (9) To help raise necessary funds the congregation "found it expedient to sell the boy Litchfield" (Incidentally, he sold for $1000.00), and other slaves belonging to the Church. The old Church

was torn down and the new Church erected on the same site. (10) The walls are of pisee de terre - clay, tamped into forms very much like concrete walls. The roof was of cypress shingles. This roof was replaced in 1916 with cement tile at a cost of $1,800.00.

The following is an account of the laying of the cornerstone. The exact corner in which the cornerstone was laid is unmarked, but the writer is informed by a Mason that the cornerstone is always laid in the northeast corner.

"Remarks -- By the blessing of God, the piety and zeal of churchmen in this parish have led them to undertake the erection of a new Church. The cerimony of laying the Cornerstone took place in September in form as follows: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." This Corner Stone of the Church of the Holy Cross near Stateburg, Sumter District, was laid on the 11th day of September, A. D., 1850. (the Bishop of the Diocese being absent) by the Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Rector of the Parish; the Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector of St. Phillip's Church, Bradford Springs, assisting in the service. Col. John B. Moore, Benjamin Hood, Esq., Marcus Reynolds, M.D., William J. Reese, junr., and Bonneau Murray, Esq., being Vestrymen, and William W. James, M.D., and Edward L. Murray, Esq., Wardens. William W. Anderson, M.D., Chairman, Henry L. Pinckney, jnr., and Sam'l. J. Bradley, Esq., being the Building Committee. Edward G. Jones, Esq. of Charleston, Architect. The Right Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D.D. Bishop of the Diocese. His Excellency, Whitmarsh B. Seabrook, Governor of the State. His Excellency, Millard Fillmore, President of the United States.

"Other Foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ".

"Within the Corner Stone were deposited the following documents, enclosed in a copper box: The "Holy Bible", the "Book of Common Prayer", "The Journal of the General Convention for 1847". "The Journal of the Diocesan Convention for 1850", copies of The Charleston Gospel Messenger for May, June, July and August 1850; "The Churchman, New York", "The Banner of the Cross", "The True Catholic", "The Spirit of Missions", "The Church Almanac", "The Gospel Messenger, Utica, New York", "The Charleston Mercury", "The Southern Press, Washington" all of them late numbers; "A catechism for the Religious Instruction of Persons of Color, prepared in conformity to a Resolution of the South Carolina Convention, under the direction of the Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D.D. Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, 1837." "A Catechism to be taught orally to colored children, by the Right Rev. Levi Silliman Ives, D.D. Bishop of North Carolina", "The Act of Incorporation, Constitution, and statutes of the General Theological Seminary, 1849". Also the usual records of Church and State officers, Vestry, and Wardens, Building Committee and Architect.

"Morning Prayer was said before and an Address delivered by the Rector after the ceremony of laying the Cornerstone, and there seemed to be a deep interest taken and a heartfelt joy and gratitude experienced by the members and friends of the Church who were present in the solemnities of the occasion.

"The dimensions of the Church are, from the west end of the Nave to the east end of the Chancel, 100 feet. From one end to the other of the Transept, 56 feet. Nave 25 feet wide inside. Transept the same width.

"Thanks be to God for His Goodness and mercy in putting this good work into the minds and hearts of us His unworthy servants! May He "Further us

with His continual help", and enable us to bring it to a happy conclusion."

The Church was consecrated with impressive ceremonies on July 14, 1852, (11) by Bishop Francis Huger Rutledge, Bishop of Florida (Bishop Christopher Gadsden of the Diocese of South Carolina being ill).

"In the Name of the Holy, Blessed, and Undivided Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen. Whereas the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Church of the Holy Cross,

"have, by an instrument this day presented to me, appropriated and devoted a house of public worship erected by them for the said Parish in Claremont County near Stateburg, to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the Catholic Church of Christ, known as the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy, rites, and usages; and by a congregation in communion with said Church, and in Union with the Convention thereof in the Diocese of South Carolina:

"And Whereas, the said Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen, have, by the same instrument, requested me as Bishop of Florida, in the name and on behalf of the next Bishop of this Diocese and his successors in office, to take their said house of worship under my spiritual jurisdiction and to consecrate it by the name of the Church of the Holy Cross, and thereby separate it from all unhallowed, worldly, and common uses, and solemnly dedicate it to the holy purposes above mentioned.

"Now therefore, know all men by these presents, that FRANCIS HUGER RUTLEDGE by divine permission, Bishop of Florida, acting under the protection of Almighty God, and His faith and fear, have on this the 14th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and fifty two, taken the above mentioned house of Worship, under my spiritual jurisdiction, in the name and on behalf of the next Bishop of this Diocese and of his successors in office; and in presence

"Of divers of the clergy, and a public congregation therein assembled, and according to the godly usage of the Catholic Church of Christ, and the form prescribed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States of America, have consecrated the same, by the name of the Church of the Holy Cross:

"And I do hereby pronounce and declare, that the said Church of the Holy Cross in Claremont County near Stateburg is consecrated accordingly, and thereby separated henceforth from all unhallowed worldly, and common uses, and dedicated to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for reading and preaching His Holy Word, for celebrating His Holy Sacraments, for offering to His Glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer, praise and thanksgiving, for blessing His people in His name, and for the performance of all other holy offices, and the administration of all holy ordinances agreeable to His will made known in the terms of the covenant of grace and salvation in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, according to the usages of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America in its ministry, doctrine, liturgy, rites and usages.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my Episcopal seal and signature, on the day and year above written, and in the First year of my consecration. (12)

"Francis Huger Rutledge
"Bishop of Florida"

On April 22, 1855, three years after its completion, the following statement was presented to the congregation: (13)

STATEMENT OF COSTS

Subscribed	$ 5799.00	Labor	$ 6074.55
Sale of Pews	2882.00	Material	2968.15
Sale of Slaves & Bank Stocks	2637.74	Windows	1003.00
		Pulpit & Altar	500.00
Pew rent for 1854	40.00	Interest	62.04
		Due Mr. Jones	1316.17
		Due Dr. W.W. Anderson	565.17
	$11358.74		$11358.74

No mention is made of the stained-glass windows, other than the above. It is hard to believe that their cost is included in the $1003.00. They were imported, it is said, from Munich, Bavaria.

$200.00 was retained for a wall around the Church yard. This wall was of the same material as the Church, with a pointed top like an inverted V. It will be remembered by many here today. The last of the wall crumbled away, and was replaced by a wire fence in 1908.

In this Church, as in the former, the pews were sold (See Deed, Appendix) and also assessed as a means of raising funds. In 1860, one pew owner protested against the pew rental as illegal, and took the matter to court. (14) The then Judge, S. C. Richardson, ruled that the Vestry under the Act of Incorporation, was supreme and had the right to use such methods as they deemed best to raise the money. There are a few families in this parish at present occupying regularly the pews bought and rented by their ancestors.

This assessing was discontinued in 1868, and a voluntary subscription was substituted.

The present organ must have been installed shortly after the Church was built. (15) There is no mention of it to be found in the records, but it bears the date "1851". It has the famous Henry Erben pipes which have retained their lovely tones after probably 100 years of use. Its air was formerly supplied by a bellows with a hand lever which was operated by the Church sexton seated in the Choir loft near the instrument. This human power often had to be aroused from slumber at intervals when the organist was ready to play, much to her discomfort. However, this picturesque aspect was removed by the installtion of an electric motor in 1940, thus relieving the organist of uneasiness at not having a supply of air at the right moment.

Through this present Church's history there were many organists who were paid salaries ranging in amounts from $150 to $300 per annum, which amounts were collected by voluntary subscription. Since 1866 following the ravages of civil war, however, all have given their services gratis as a contribution to the beauty of the service. In the writer's memory, the two organists who have served longest in this Church are Mrs. W. W. Anderson, from ? to 1904, and the incumbent, Mrs. John L. Frierson, from 1906 till the present time, except for short intervals. (16)

The choir, so far as is known, has always been voluntary, giving faithfully and freely of their talents toward making our services more beautiful and enjoyable.

Of the lovely Reredos there is no mention in the records, and the only reference to the handsome pulpit is that it cost $500 to build. An unusual feature is that the pulpit is on the left side of the Church, while in most Churches it is placed on the right.

No history of this Church would be complete without mention of the part that slaves played in its material and religious life. They helped to build it -- they worshipped here. There were hundreds of these people baptized and confirmed in this Church and in adjoining plantation chapels. In 1866, after their emancipation, the congregation passed a resolution urging them to come to Church regularly and "occupy the back pews at a reduced rental". (17) But for some unexplained reason there is not a negro of the Episcopal faith to be found in this community. They apparently helped to found, and certainly have joined, the Negro Methodist and Baptist Churches of this neighborhood.

As early as 1824, one William Ellison, a free Negro, (18) was permitted to "put a bench under the organ loft for use of himself and family". He came here a freeman and later himself owned slaves. This man operated one of the first cotton gin factories in this country. His factory stood in the northwest corner of old Highway #76 and new Highway #261 to Hagood. He was highly respected and left a large family who remained in Stateburg until about 1920 when the last resident member died. They occupied the last 3 pews in the Church and took Communion after the white people, as many here today will remember.

At a point one mile south of the present Hillcrest High School and two hundred yards to the west of Highway #521 on the land at present owned by Mrs. Elijah Sanders there is a pile of brick and mortar that once was St. Matthew's Chapel of Providence, Sumter District, S. C. (19)

This Chapel was dedicated by Bishop Davis in 1856 and was associated with the Church of the Holy Cross at Stateburg until 1888 when it was detached from this parish and united with Bradford Springs and Sumter, under the rectorship of Rev. LeGrand Guerry. Our records show that there were baptisms and confirmations in this Chapel by ministers of our parish. Mr. Robert Barnwell was ordained Deacon in this Chapel September 21st, 1856, being presented by the Rev. Thomas F. Davis, junior, son of Bishop Davis.

There are many graves of men of distinction --jurists, statesmen, physicians, soldiers, and clergymen, too numerous to enumerate, within the sacred confines of this peaceful cemetery. Tradition says that the Church covers the graves of 100 soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

There are 24 Civil War soldiers and 3 World War I soldiers buried here. John Mayrant, who John Paul Jones pronounced "the bravest of the brave" after the great naval battle between the Serapis and the Bonhomme Richard, was reared in this Church. Joel R. Poinsett, statesman and botanist, who gave us our beautiful Christmas flower, is buried just east of the southern transept. Francis Huger Rutledge, Bishop of Florida, just north of the vestry room. John J. Dargan, historian and teacher, under the great pine to the southeast. It is comforting to think that the whispering of this great pine has for probably a hundred years mingled with those of the dead who lie within the shadow of its moss-draped branches.

"Fighting Dick" Anderson, Dr. Matthew Moore, Gov. Steven D. Miller, and Judge James who wrote the "Life of Marion", worshipped here.

From 1788 through 1950, there have been 23 clergymen officiating in these two Churches. (A list of clergymen can be found at the end of the book.) Of these, the Rev. Augustus Converse (1827 to 1853) served longest, 26 years; the Rev. William Lucas (1869-1884) served 15 years; and the Rev. William H. Barnwell (1896-1917) 21 years. Two of these ministers are buried in this cemetery: Rev. Mr. Converse and Rev. Mr. Lucas.

In 1895, Rev. John Kershaw, rector of the Holy Comforter, Sumter, arranged to hold services in this Church and St. Mark's, Clarendon, one Sunday a month each. Later this arrangement was changed and the Rev. William Barnwell, while residing in our rectory, served the Church of the Ascension, Hagood, and St. Mark's, along with this Church. In 1922, the Church of the Ascension built its own rectory at Hagood, and since that time, the rector of these Churches has been residing there.

Eventually, the Church of the Ascension, St. Phillip's, Bradford Springs, and this Church were served by the same rector. This arrangement continued until 1947, when St. Phillip's withdrew from the trio due to its limited membership. Today, the Rev. Mr. Hobart ministers to this Church and the Church of the Ascension.

Four clergymen have been ordained in this Church: the Rev. Robert Wilson, the Rev. Henry DeSaussure Bull, the Rev. Moultrie Guerry, and the Rev. Eugene West; all except Mr. Wilson are alive today.

This Church has sent out from its sacred walls two outstanding clergymen active in the work of the ministry: Rev. Henry DeS. Bull, now of Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, and the late Rev. DeSaussure P. Moore, who died on September 14th, 1950.

In 1903, the Church of the Holy Cross experienced a great disaster. (20) On February 16th of that year, a storm blew the 110 foot steeple diagonally across the body of the Church, destroying a large part of the north wall and smashing in the roof on the north side.

The congregation, with true Christian spirit, began the work of rebuilding. (21) Through their own donations and appeals to former members and to people generally, $3300.00 was raised, and the roof repaired, and the foundation of the steeple partially replaced. This repair to the foundation rose only about 45 or 50 feet where it was capped off and the old wooden cross replaced.

This frustrated tower remained thus until its complete restoration, in July of this year. This restoration was done by Mrs. Walter C. White, now of Gates Mill, Ohio. Mrs. White is the former Virginia Saunders of this Parish. She restored the spire to its former pristine beauty in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Saunders.

During the repairing of the Church in 1903, immediately after the storm, services were held, upon offer of Mrs. James S. Pinckney, in the Bowen Chapel that stood on her land diagonally across from the present Chandler's Store. (22)

At a point 8.2 miles west of the Courthouse in Sumter, U. S. Highway 76 traverses the slave burying ground of Cherry Vale plantation, the home of the Friersons. Adjacent to this graveyard stood St. John's, the plantation chapel, where the ladies of the household gave the slaves religious instruction. About 1886, the writer's grandfather, John N. Frierson, sold or gave this building to one Bowen, a Negro, who hoped to establish a Church in this vicinity. The chapel was taken down and rebuilt in the southeast corner of the present U. S. Highway 76 and the old King's Highway (now highway 261) where it was known as "Bowen Church". After being abandoned as a Church, it was used for a school until 1911, when Mrs. James S. Pinckney sold it to the negro Episcopalians in Sumter, under the leadership of Dr. W. C. Birney, an outstanding Negro Physician, who rebuilt it on the northwest corner of Wright and Dingle Streets where it now stands under the name of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

In 1937, our then Bishop Albert S. Thomas, fearing the loss of the ancient Church records, asked that they be placed in Diocesan Headquarters vault in Charleston. Copies of the records were made by the University of South Carolina under the authority of the W.P.A., and the originals were then sent to Charleston. Of the copies, one was retained by the Church and one by the University Library. The Church's copies are kept by John L. Frierson, Senior Warden.

In 1939, Mrs. James S. Pinckney exchanged one acre of land south of the Church for one acre East of the Churchyard that she had previously given the Church for extending the cemetery. This southern acre was fenced off and in 1940 laid off conveniently by Mr. T. D. Brohun. A plat of it hangs in the south vestibule of the Church.

All through the lives of these three Churches, lay readers (namely: Henry L. Pinckney, James Pinckney, John Temple Frierson, William Rees, Wyndham Manning, John L. Frierson) have conducted services during the absence of the rector, and through their efforts helped to keep the congregation united and alive.

If time permitted, the writer would like to call the names of inumerable saintly, faithful workers in this Church who through the years have helped to keep it open.

Also, he'd like to mention names of the recent and present members who are carrying on the work. He is glad to be able to say that we have a wide awake and very active Vestry, Woman's Auxiliary, and Sunday School.

Today our Church is in a thriving condition, physically, spiritually, and financially. We have a strong, newly repaired building, thanks to the generosity of interested former members and friends. We have three endowments, the income from which is to be used for repairs to the Church: the Catherine Converse Frierson fund of $1000.00; the Katherine Anderson Saunders fund of $1000.00; and the Margaret Reynolds fund of $400.00.

We are blessed in having for our spiritual guidance a godly and lovable Christian, the Rev. Claude M. Hobart. Our congregation is of a healthy size and we have a promising future in our large and growing Sunday School. Therefore, we face the future with a heart full of thankfulness for our past blessings from Almighty God and a prayerful hope for other centuries to come.

Since the laying of the cornerstone of this Church, 1200 moons have waxed and waned, spreading their silvery canopies over graves of the sleeping dead. 36,500 times the sun, in his daily course, has passed over this sacred spot casting shadows of varying lengths across the sepulchred yard. Setting in his golden west, he has cast an immeasurable shadow of the steeple far toward the darkening east. For 47 years the shadow was shortened due to the storm of 1903, but today reaches again to its former length and at its end -- the shadow of the Cross.

Countless men and women have entered these sacred portals at the Font in the Front; trod its sacred aisles for a short sojourn here; some moving to foreign parts and some remaining here to find a final resting place in this peaceful burying ground, as Time marches on.

RECTORS OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Rev. Matthew Tate	1788-1789	
Rev. J. J. Tschudy	1807-1812	
Rev. George Strebeck	1813	
*Rev. C. Hanckell (Baptisms 1815)		
Rev. Parker Adams	1819-1821	
Rev. William Barlow	1823-1827	
*Rev. Augustus A. Converse	1827-1853	
Rev. J. J. Roberts	1853-1865	
Rev. Robert Wilson	1866-1868	
*Rev. Wilson Lucas	1869-1884	
Rev. John Kershaw	1885-1895	-- also Holy Comforter, Sumter St. Mark's, Pinewood
William L. Capers, Assistant		
Rev. William H. Barnwell	1896-1917	-- also St. Mark's, St. Phillip's and Ascension
Rev. Charles W. Boyd	1917-1919	-- also Ascension, St. Phillip's
Rev. William S. Stoney	1922-1925	
Rev. Moultrie Guerry	1925-1929	
Rev. Bentham Walker	1930	(from Sumter)
Rev. George H. Harris	1930-1939	
Rev. Alfred Chambliss	1940-1942	
Rev. Bramwell Bennett	1942-1946	--(from Columbia)
Rev. Eugene J. West	1946-1948	
Rev. Claude M. Hobart	1948-1952	
Rev. J. L. Hartzell	)	
Rev. John Pinckney	)Supplied	
Rev. Jas. M. Dick	)	

* Buried in Churchyard

APPENDIX

In the Southern vestibule of the Church there is a plat of the old cemetery showing location and names of all graves, together with an alphabetical index of said names.

This information was compiled by Mr. William M. Wilson and his family and the plat was prepared by Mr. Lewis E. Leavell, Jr., just prior to the centennial celebration.

(1) Book 1, Page 1
(2) Book 1, Page 2
(3) Book 1, Page 1
(4) Book 1, Page 7
(5) Book 1, Page 5
(6) Book 1, Page 5
(7) Book 1, Page 9
(8) Book 1, Page 35
(9) Book 1, Page 44
(10) Book 1, Page 39
(11) Book 4, Page 11
(12) Book 4, Pages 2 and 3
(13) Book 1, Page 55
(14) Book 1, Page 61
(15) Book 1, Page 102
(16) Book 1, Pages 57-66-69
(17) Book 1, Page 72
(18) Book 3, Page 13
(19) Book 1, Page 57
(20) Book 1, Page 104
(21) Book 1, Page 110
(22) Book 1, Page 109

TYPE	IN MEMORIAM
Alms-Basin	Mary Singleton Broun
Pair Altar Vases	Mary Hinnon Day Broun and John Peter Singleton Broun
Pair Altar Vases	Theodosia Green Williamson Dargan
Altar Cross	John N. Frierson
Pair Seven-Point Candelabra	William Wallace Anderson and Mary Virginia Childs Anderson
Altar Book Rest	Catherine Kellogg Frierson
Eucharistic Candle Sticks	Helen Converse Frierson and William Delancey Frierson
Processional Cross	John Julius Dargan
Outside Altar Window Light	James Pagan
Lectern Spot Light	Rev. DeSaussure Moore and Amy Nott Moore Barnwell
Pulpit Light	Thomas Hamilton Rogers, Jr.
Ciborium	Elizabeth Nelson Frierson
Litany Desk	William Wallace Anderson
Font	
Restored Steeple	Katherine Anne Anderson Saunders and William Leonidas Saunders

MEMORIAL TABLETS

Chancellor Thomas Waites

John Julius Dargan

Benjamin McKensie Anderson

Richard Heron Anderson

Walter Charles White, Jr., Virginia Harrison White

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MEMORIAL PRESENTED AFTER THE CENTENNIAL

Green Altar Hangings	Penelope McDavid Sullivan

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PRESENTED TO THE CHURCH

Church Flag	Presented by MacKenzie Parker Moore
United States Flag	Presented by Mark Reynolds, Jr.
Hymn Boards and Wooden Alms-Basins)	Made and Presented by William Delancey Frierson
"HOLY HOLY HOLY" Retable	Made and Presented by John Temple Frierson, Jr.
Icon	Presented by Mrs. Walter C. White
Wax Savers	Presented by Mrs. Julia Simons Talbert

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(Original book number 54)

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(Original book number 52)

"Book No. 3" -- Minutes and Records of the Claremont Episcopal Church (Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg, S. C.) 1788-1842.
(Original book number 53)

"Book No. 4" -- Record of the Claremont Parish. 1809-1866. Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg, S. C. Containing births, baptisms, marriages, confirmations, communicants, deaths, etc., both white and colored.
(Original book number 50)

"Book No. 5" -- Parochial Register of Claremont Parish. Church of the Holy Cross. Containing Ordinations, births, baptisms, confirmations, communicants (white and colored) marriages and deaths. 1863-1936.
(Original book number 51)

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COPY OF DEED TO PEW

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the Vestry and Wardens of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the HOLY CROSS, in Stateburg, Sumter District, in the State aforesaid, for and in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars in hand paid by Miss Emma and Miss Ellen Bradley of the same place, at or before the sealing and delivering of these Presents, have granted, bargained, sold and released, and by these presents do grant, bargain and release unto the said Emma and Ellen Bradley a Pew in the said Church of the HOLY CROSS, situate in the North side of the Nave of said Church, known and distinguished by the Number 28; subject to such Assessment as the Vestry for the time being may from time to time impose on said Pew, unto the said Emma and Ellen Bradley, their Heirs or Assigns, to alter the present uniformity of the said Pew as it is now built, by raising or lowering the same, by taking down the partition, or by making and putting up any additional partition in or to the said Pew, without the permission of the Vestry and Wardens of the said Church of the HOLY CROSS, for the time being first had and obtained.

GIVEN under our hands and the Seal of the said Church. (L.S.)

This 14th day of December 1852

s/ W. W. Anderson
s/ J. N. Frierson
s/ M. Reynolds
s/ W. H. Burgess
s/ P. H. Nelson
s/ F. K. Mayrant
s/ T. Waties

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Stateburg, S. C.

1850 - 1950

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

THE CLERGY

The Right Reverend Thomas N. Carruthers
Bishop of South Carolina

The Right Reverend Albert S. Thomas
Retired Bishop of South Carolina

The Reverend William S. Stoney

The Reverend George H. Harris

The Reverend Alfred P. Chambliss, Jr.

The Reverend Eugene J. West

The Reverend Claude M. Hobart, Rector

This Church had its beginning in 1770 as a Chapel of Ease to St. Mark's, Clarendon.

In 1788 it was incorporated as the Episcopal Church of Claremont.

In 1850 the corner-stone of the present Church was laid on the site of the old one and the name changed to, "Church of the Holy Cross."

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

OCTOBER 22, 1950

11:00 o'clock A. M.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude - Chorale ..... Bach
Processional Hymn 274 - "Ancient of Days"
Ante-Communion (Page 67 in Prayer Book)
Epistle and Gospel (Page 217 in Prayer Book)
Announcements
Hymn 304 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
Historical Address.....Mr. John L. Frierson
Hymn 126 - "For All The Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest"
Presentation and Dedication of Spire, Litany Desk and Lectern Light.
Sermon..Rev. William S. Stoney (Rector 1922-1925)
Doxology
Offertory Anthem Psalm XLIII-XX - "Send Out Thy Light".....Gounod
Holy Communion (Page 74)
Communion Hymn 202 - "Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord"
Recessional Hymn 554 - "Lead On O, King Eternal"
Postlude - "The Heavens Are Telling" .....Haydn

The flowers on the altar today are in memory of the Rev. deSaussure Parker Moore.

OFFICERS

John L. Frierson, Senior Warden

S. Oliver Plowden, Junior Warden

Mark Reynolds, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer

VESTRYMEN

Sam W. Gillespie — T. D. Brohun

Clyde Clark, Sr. — Mark Reynolds, Jr.

William M. Wilson — St. Julien Barnwell

Calvin Chandler

Mrs. Iredell Jones, III, Pres. of Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. S. O. Plowden, Supt. of Sunday School

Mrs. John L. Frierson, Organist

Rev. Claude M. Hobart, Rector

LIST OF KNOWN ORGANISTS

Mrs. John Guerry

Mr. Schoellers

Mrs. J. Murray

Mrs. W. W. Anderson

Mrs. A. S. Flud

Miss Georgia Dargan

Miss Emma Barnwell

Miss Aimée N. Moore

Mrs. McKenzie P. Moore

Miss Mary G. Williams

Mrs. John L. Frierson
(Georgia Dargan)

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As far as is known the choir was first vested under the direction of the then rector the Rev. Alfred Chambliss in 1941.

The first known acolyte was Thomas Hamilton Rogers, Jr.

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